

MINUTES OF THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF CONWAY, ARKANSAS

Conway, Arkansas
Tuesday, 6:30 pm
June 9, 2020

On this date the City Council of the City of Conway, Arkansas met in regular session. ***Due to restrictions imposed because of the COVID-19 pandemic, the City Council meeting was held via Facebook Live on the City of Conway, Arkansas Facebook page, and the City of Conway YouTube channel.*** The following members being a quorum were present or online and acting: Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Pruitt and Councilman Ledbetter. Also, present and acting: Mayor Bart Castleberry, City Clerk Michael Garrett and City Attorney Chuck Clawson.

Call to Order: Mayor Bart Castleberry

Roll Call: Michael O. Garrett, City Clerk

Minutes: May 26, 2020, June 3, 2020

Councilwoman Isby motioned to approve the **May 26, 2020 and June 3, 2020** minutes as submitted. Councilwoman Smith seconded the motion. There was no discussion. The motion passed 8-0.

Report of Standing Committees:

A. Community Development Committee (Airport, Community Development, Planning & Development, Permits & Inspection (Code Enforcement), Historic District, Transportation)

1. Resolution requesting Faulkner County Tax Collector place a lien in the amount of \$4,207.00 against property located at 3290 Stone Road for expenses incurred by the City.

R-20-42

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A1 to the Council. Mayor Castleberry added that this was a very large cleanup. Councilwoman Smith motioned to approve the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion to approve carried 8-0.

2. Resolution to approve the low bid for 2020 pavement projects for the Transportation Department.

R-20-43

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A2 to the Council. Jamie Brice, Procurement Director was present to answer any questions from the Council. There was no discussion. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the Resolution and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

3. Ordinance to rezone property located at 1600 S. Donaghey Avenue from C-2 to PUD.

O-20-27

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A3 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. James Walden, Director of Planning and Development addressed the Council stating that this property is zoned commercial and the applicant initially wanted to build 48 units with commercial property fronting Donaghey, adding that with this zoning to PUD they would be spreading out the 48 units across the entire property so as to create a lower density than previously proposed. He said that the property would be laid out with two access points, and through the development process they have been able to dictate some of the building materials used on the project as well as the placement of the structures on the property. Several Councilmembers expressed that they were pleased with the changes in the proposal. There was no further discussion. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Pruitt and Councilwoman Isby. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

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4. Resolution to enter into a contract to acquire property located at 400 South Donaghey Avenue for the Donaghey Avenue Improvement Project in the amount of \$33,189

R-20-44

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A4 to the Council. Charles Finkenbinder, Deputy City Attorney addressed the Council stating that this is part of the Donaghey Avenue widening project, Phase I. He added that this Phase would include sidewalks and bike lanes. He said that this property is known as the College Park Apartments and that upon approval, the City would be acquiring a strip of land at the appraisal price. There was no further discussion. Councilwoman made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

5. Resolution to enter into a contract to acquire property located at 2125 College Avenue for the Donaghey Avenue Improvement Project in the amount of \$11,649.

R-20-45

Councilman Hawkins presented Item A5 to the Council. Charles Finkenbinder addressed the Council stating that this property is also part of the Donaghey Avenue improvement Project and would be acquired for the purpose of building a roundabout. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

B. Public Safety Committee (Police, Fire, District Court, Animal Welfare Unit, CEOC-Communication Emergency Operations Center, Department of Information Systems & Technology, and Office of the City Attorney)

1. Ordinance appropriating funds for replacement of the HVAC system for District Court.

O-20-28

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B1 to the Council. Jamie Brice addressed the Council stating that the City has spent several thousand dollars in attempt to make the present system last, but feels that it would be most beneficial to the City to go ahead and replace the HVAC system at this time at a cost of \$17, 457.61. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. Councilman Hawkins asked if there had been a request for proposal for the project and Ms. Brice stated that this was under a bid contract through a procurement coop so the project was bid out and proposals received. There was no further discussion. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Isby, and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

2. Ordinance appropriating funds for turnout gear for the Conway Fire Department.

O-20-29

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B2 to the Council. Chief Winter addressed the Council stating that the department received a purchase order in 2019 to purchase the turnout gear, but when it was received it was incorrect, so the gear was returned. This request is payment for the turnout gear that replaced the incorrect gear that was received and returned in 2019. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilman Jones seconded. The motion carried 8-0. Councilman Jones made a motion to adopt the Ordinance with the emergency clause and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Ledbetter, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Smith, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Mehl and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance with the emergency clause passed 8-0.

3. Consideration to dispose of electronics, Information technology inventory, Tasers, and GPS trackers for the Conway Police Department.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B3 to the Council. Chief Spradlin addressed the Council stating that the department had done some housekeeping and has identified those items that were in need

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of disposal due to end of life. He added that any items with value would be sold at auction and the rest disposed of as e-waste. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to approve the request and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The request was approved 8-0.

4. Ordinance accepting and appropriating grant supplemental funding for the Conway Police Department.

O-20-30

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B4 to the Council. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Isby seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Smith moved to adopt the Ordinance and Councilman Hawkins seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilwoman Mehl, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Jones, Councilman Grimes, Councilwoman Smith, Councilman Ledbetter and Councilman Hawkins. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

5. Ordinance appropriating 2019 reimbursements from various entities for the Conway Police Department.

O-20-31

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B5 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby made a motion to waive the three readings and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The motion carried 8-0. Councilwoman Isby moved to adopt the Ordinance and Councilwoman Smith seconded it. The Clerk called the roll with the following voting "Aye": Councilman Hawkins, Councilman Grimes, Councilman Pruitt, Councilman Ledbetter, Councilwoman Isby, Councilman Jones, Councilwoman Smith and Councilwoman Mehl. The Ordinance passed 8-0.

6. Resolution requesting the approval of donation funds for the Conway Police Department.

R-20-46

Mayor Castleberry presented Item B6 to the Council. Chief Spradlin explained to the Council that a program called the Explorers has been active and has raised funds for the past 2-3 years, and the local chapter of the F.O.B. had purchased a dunking booth that they would rent out to pay for trips, etc. He added that the Explorer program has been disbanded, and the Department is requesting that the monies be donated to local entities, Conway Public Schools Certain Little Free Class Pantry, and the Pine Street Backpack Program. Councilwoman Smith made a motion to adopt the Resolution and Councilman Jones seconded it. The Resolution passed 8-0.

C. New Business

1. Consideration to approve a nomination for the Advertising and Promotion Committee.

Mayor Castleberry presented Item C1 to the Council. Councilwoman Isby addressed the Council stating that the A&P Commission met on June 8th, and unanimously voted to appoint Mike Coats to replace Alan Kizer whose term has ended. Mike Coats was the only applicant. Councilman Jones motioned to approve the nomination and Councilman Ledbetter seconded it. The nomination was approved 8-0.

As there was no further business, the meeting was adjourned.

Adjournment-----

PASSED this 9th day of June 2020

APPROVED:

Mayor Bart Castleberry

City Clerk Michael O. Garrett